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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before any Office Action is issued on the above-captioned application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment to the specification:

In the Claims:

1. (amended) A method of [treating] photoeradication of cells comprising the steps of:

identifying an area of [infection or an area of sterilization or an area of cancer] cell activity;

applying a concentration including a combination of a surfactant and a photosensitizing [dye compound] agent to the area of [infection or the area of sterilization or the area of cancer] cell activity, said surfactant producing a disorientation of a cell membrane so that said cell membrane no longer functions as an effective osmotic barrier; and

exposing the area of [infection or the area of sterilization or the area of cancer] cell activity [with] to a light having a light wavelength, light dosage and a light dosage rate.

2. The method of photoeradication of cells of claim 1 wherein the light wavelength ranges from about 400 nm to about 800 nm, the light dosage ranges from about 10 J/cm² to about 100 J/cm² and the light dosage rate ranges from about 50 mw/cm² to about 200 mw/cm².

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